

COMMITTING TROOPS REQUIRES CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL

(Mr. METCALF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, I do not believe any Congress should allow any President to send our troops into any sovereign nation without the authorization of Congress. We in Congress are negligent if we do not insist on this restriction and, if necessary, refuse the money to pay for any foreign adventures undertaken without the specific authorization of Congress.

ACCOUNTABILITY BEFORE FLEXIBILITY IN EDUCATION BILL

(Mr. ETHERIDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, later today we will be taking up the rule and ultimately the bill on ed flex. I believe in having flexibility at the local level, but I think here we are getting the cart before the horse. We are forgetting that there ought to be accountability and a number of other pieces we ought to be dealing with before we give total flexibility.

Let me tell my colleagues why. I served as superintendent. There we required the local systems to identify subgroups. If you do not identify the subgroups, to children who are doing the poorest in the schools, and that is what the Federal money is designed to do, what you do is you mask the children with the greatest needs, and here we are talking about lumping all that money together and sending it down.

I trust the educators, I trust the parents, and I trust the teachers. The people I do not trust are the politicians.

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I was there, and they will take that money, and if we do not watch them, the children with the greatest needs will be the children who are going to be left behind in the 21st century. We will pay a price for that, Mr. Speaker.

NOT NECESSARILY A CORRELATION BETWEEN MONEY AND SUCCESS IN EDUCATION

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, education is everybody's priority. I do not think there is probably any issue in this House that could bring us together on a bipartisan basis more than improving education.

But what have we learned from history? Mr. Speaker, there was a recent article in a responsible and respected financial paper which rated the schools in America, and it also showed how much money was spent in each of those schools. I want to tell my colleagues

there is not necessarily a correlation between money and success in education.

We need, yes, money to the classrooms, not to the bureaucrats. Yes, we need good teachers, not just 100,000 more. Yes, we need to make decisions at the local level, not here in Washington, and then we have to call on the families to send well fed, clean, rested children to school so they can learn.

Part of the responsibility, a major part, must rest with us, the parents.

SUPPORT ED FLEX

(Mr. WALDEN of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, as the parent of a third grader in public schools in Oregon, I am absolutely committed to smaller class sizes. But the best way to do that is to fund the special education mandate, not to create more federal mandates and programs.

Coming from Oregon, which is one of the ed flex pilot States, I can tell my colleagues that our local parents, teachers and school boards can make the best decisions for our children, but it is time Washington kept its word and funded its mandates. I think unfunded federal mandates have done quite enough harm already to our public schools. It is time to expand ed flex all Americans. It is time to allow local schools to make their own decision about how best to spend Federal education dollars. That only makes sense.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the ed flex legislation that will be on the House floor later today.

DEMOCRATS OBJECT TO IMPROVING EDUCATION WITHOUT MORE FEDERAL REGULATION

(Mr. TANCREDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I am incredulous at some of the comments of my friends from the other side, from the Democratic side, who continue to talk about education as being improved or the possibility of it being improved with just more regulation, the fear that if we gave freedom to the educators who we know, the people who teach our children, to the principals of the schools in which our children go to school; if we gave them more freedom, somehow or other our children would suffer as a result of it. I am amazed at that kind of an argument.

For years as a teacher, Mr. Speaker, I taught children, and I sat in classrooms and in faculty lounges with other teachers who continually talked about the fact that they needed and demanded more freedom, that they were impeded in their ability to teach because of the regulations we place on them, both the State and Federal level.

So here we come, finally forward with a plan to give those teachers and those principals the freedom to actually teach children in the ways that they know work, and all of a sudden the Democrats in this body rise up, unanimously almost, to object to that.

This is very peculiar indeed, Mr. Speaker, very peculiar.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal and the question on the motion to suspend the rules on H.R. 540, the Nursing Home Resident Protection Amendments of 1999, postponed from Tuesday, March 9.

Votes on motions to suspend the rules on H.R. 808, House Resolution 32 and House Concurrent Resolution 28 postponed from yesterday will be taken later.

THE JOURNAL

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 356, nays 39, not voting 38, as follows:

[Roll No. 34]

YEAS—356

Abercrombie	Blunt	Collins
Ackerman	Boehner	Combest
Allen	Bonilla	Condit
Andrews	Bonior	Conyers
Archer	Bono	Cook
Armey	Boswell	Cox
Bachus	Boyd	Coyne
Baird	Brady (TX)	Cramer
Baker	Brown (FL)	Crowley
Baldacci	Brown (OH)	Cubin
Baldwin	Bryant	Cummings
Ballenger	Burr	Cunningham
Barcia	Burton	Danner
Barr	Buyer	Davis (FL)
Barrett (NE)	Callahan	Davis (IL)
Barrett (WI)	Calvert	Davis (VA)
Bartlett	Camp	Deal
Barton	Campbell	DeGette
Bass	Canady	Delahunt
Bateman	Cannon	DeLauro
Bentsen	Capuano	DeLay
Bereuter	Cardin	Deutsch
Berkley	Carson	Diaz-Balart
Berman	Castle	Dickey
Berry	Chabot	Dicks
Biggert	Chambliss	Dingell
Bilirakis	Chenoweth	Doggett
Bishop	Clayton	Dooley
Blagojevich	Clement	Doolittle
Bliley	Clyburn	Dreier
Blumenauer	Coburn	Duncan

Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Fossella
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gibbons
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hill (MT)
Hilleary
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoefel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Hooley
Horn
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
King (NY)
Kingston
Klecza
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kuykendall
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos

Largent
Larson
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercutt
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Ose
Packard
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Reynolds
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez

Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schakowsky
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Strickland
Stump
Sununu
Sweeney
Talent
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thornberry
Thune
Thurman
Tierney
Toomey
Traffant
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Wexler
Weygand
Whitfield
Wilson
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Young (FL)

NAYS—39

Aderholt
Borski
Brady (PA)
Brown (CA)
Clay
Costello
Crane
DeFazio
English

Filner
LoBiondo
McNulty
Moran (KS)
Oberstar
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Ramstad

Kucinich
LoBiondo
McNulty
Moran (KS)
Oberstar
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Ramstad

Rogan
Sabo
Schaffer
Stupak

Becerra
Bilbray
Boehlert
Boucher
Capps
Coble
Cooksey
DeMint
Dixon
Doyle
Engel
Fattah
Frost
Gephardt

NOT VOTING—38

Gilchrest
Gordon
Hinchey
Hostettler
Kaptur
Kind (WI)
Klink
Markley
McCrery
McDermott
McKinney
Millender
McDonald
Minge

Tancredo
Taylor (MS)
Thompson (MS)
Towns

Visclosky
Waters
Weller
Wicker

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Mr. NADLER changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 34 on March 10, 1999, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 34 on approving the Journal, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

NURSING HOME RESIDENT PROTECTION AMENDMENTS OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 540.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 540, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 398, nays 12, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 35]

YEAS—398

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Allen
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Bass
Bateman
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggart
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert

Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cannon
Capuano
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Collins

Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Cooksey
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crowley
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Danner
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle

Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
Farr
English
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fossella
Fowler
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hill (MT)
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoefel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Hooley
Horn
Houghton
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Klecza
Knollenberg
Kolbe

Kucinich
Kuykendall
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Larson
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markley
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-
McDonald
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Nethercutt
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Ose
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pickett
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Quinn
Radanovich

Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Reynolds
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Sabo
Salmon
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schakowsky
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shaw
Shays
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Strickland
Stupak
Sununu
Sweeney
Talent
Tanner
Tauscher
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thune
Thurman
Tierney
Toomey
Towns
Traffant
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Waters
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Wexler
Weygand
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson